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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President and
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SUBJECT: Public Affairs Cooperation to Prevent
Unauthorized Disclosures

1. Unauthorized disclosures of classified information are destroying our intelligence assets and impairing our national security. Since the National Security Act of 1947 requires me to protect intelligence sources and methods, I am doing all in my power to stop the breakdown in security discipline. I ask for your help.

2. I believe our Community public affairs officers can help defend against unauthorized disclosures and can provide early

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warning of potentially damaging media stories or broadcasts. We can all benefit from closer cooperation and these actions on your part could deliver great benefits:

° Please convey to your media contacts who cover national security, foreign policy, and defense issues that CIA's Public Affairs Office is anxious to establish a dialogue on stories concerning intelligence or national security topics. We recognize that there are journalists who, though eager to publish certain information, do wish to be responsible citizens and are willing to help protect sensitive intelligence sources and methods.

° Should one of your public affairs officers become aware of an imminent media story which could jeopardize intelligence assets or which contains information from classified sources, please inform CIA's Public Affairs Office immediately. Our officers can then advise on how to respond in order to limit the damage. Early warning of such stories is crucial. It provides time to try to protect sources by explaining to appropriate media leaders the damage to national security such disclosures can cause.

3. My Public Affairs Office's phone number during working hours is (703) 351-7676. For calls during off-duty hours, the number is where a security officer will locate a public affairs officer for you. If you have any questions on these procedures or ideas on how to improve our coordination to combat this problem of unauthorized disclosures, please contact CIA Public Affairs. I appreciate your assistance.

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